formation; and children on vegetarian diet have growth patterns comparable to those on non-vegetarian diet. These recommendations are of general nature and the organisers of the conference intend to disseminate them widely.

National Policy on Medical Education

233. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under consideration of the Government for having a national policy on Medical education; and

(b) if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHASHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The process of formulating a national policy on the subject of medical education has been initiated and it will be Government's endeavour to complete the exercise as early as possible.

Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare Services

234. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the percentage of Central and State Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare services during 1991-92 and 1992-93;

(b) whether the percentage budget allocations for health and Family Welfare service in India has been the lowest or one of the lowest even amongst the developing countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka; and

(c) how far this factor is considered responsible for continuing high rate of growth of population?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The percentage of Central State Budget allocations for Health and Family Welfare Services are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

	1991-92			1992-93		
	Centre	States & UTs	Total	Centre	States & UTs.	Total
1. Health Programmes	301.90	883.60	1185.50	447.00 (RE)	1005.31	1452.31
	(0.70%)	(3.0%)	(1.65%)	(0.92%)	(3.01%)	(1.80%)
2. Family Welfare Programmes	749.00	—	749.00	1041.00 (RE)	—	1041.00
	(1.74%)		(1.04%)	(2.15%)		(1.29%)
Total Health & F.W.	1050.90	883.60	1934.50	1400.00 (RE)	1005.31	2493.31
	(2.44%)	(3.0%)	(2.68%)	(3.07%)	(3.01%)	(3.09%)
3. Overall Plan	42953.75	29348.00	72316.75	48407.08	32364.88	88077.96

(b) According to the Human Development Report 1992, the Public Expenditure on Health as a percentage of the GNP is as follows for the following countries:—

India	0.9
Srilanka	1.7
Nepal	0.8
Pakistan	0.2
Bangladesh	0.6

(c) The allocation of financial resources for Health is only one, among several factors which effect the growth rates of population.

Efforts for Prevention of Cancer

235. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government have initiated a number of steps for the prevention and treatment of cancer; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) During the 8th Five Year Plan, more emphasis is being given on prevention and early detection of cancer under National Cancer Control Programme. Simultaneously, there is an endeavour to fill up geographical gaps in the availability of cancer treatment facilities in the country. The following new schemes have been initiated starting from the year 1990-91:

(1) A scheme for district projects for preventive health education, early detection and palliative treatment at district level has been initiated. Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is provided initially to the concerned State Government for each selected district with provision for a recurring expenditure of Rs. 10.00 lakhs per annum per district during the project period.

(2) A scheme for development of Oncology Wing in Medical Colleges/Hospitals in those areas where facilities for treatment of cancer are not available, has been initiated to fill up the geographical gaps. Under the scheme, an amount upto Rs. one crore is provided by the Central Government for procurement of equipments. Civil works and staff are to be provided by the concerned State Government/Institution.

(3) A scheme for financial assistance to voluntary organisations has also been taken up under which financial assistance is provided to non-govt. voluntary organisations for undertaking health education and early detection of cancer activities.

Along with introduction of the above new schemes, this Ministry has also strengthened the scheme for financial assistance to institutions for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Units. The scheme has been suitably revised to increase the quantum of assistance from Rs. 12.00 lakhs to Rs. 50.00 lakhs per unit. Other Radiotherapy equipments like Branchytherapy and Linear Accelerator have also been brought under the purview of the scheme. Similarly, under the ongoing scheme for financial assistance to various Regional Cancer Centres, the quantum of financial assistance has been increased substantially.

नकली दवाओं की बिक्री

236. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० सोलंकी :** क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को नकली दवाओं की बिक्री की जानकारी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो गत तीन वर्षों का राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या कार्यवाही की है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री **(श्री बी० शंकरानन्द)** : (क) जी, हां।

(ख) ब्यौरा विवरण के रूप में संलग्न है। (नीचे देखिए)

(ग) समय-समय पर राज्यों/संघ राज्यक्षेत्रों से कदाचारों पर नियंत्रण रखने का आग्रह किया जाता है।